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E.O. 11652 : N/A
TAGS : EAGR, BA
SUBJECT : WORLD FERTILIZER SITUATION

REF : (A) STATE 091849; (B) MANAMA 0202

1. REF B GAVE BASIC INFORMATION RQUESTED IN REF A. AT THE RISK OF BEING REPETITIVE, THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS ARE KEYED TO RESPECTIVE PARAGRAPHS IN REF A.

2. NO FERTILIZER PRODUCTION TO DATE.

3. IN EARLY 1973 BAHRAIN AND INDIA ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT A CHEMICAL FERTILIZER PLANT IN BAHRAIN, JOINTLY OWNED BY BOTH COUNTRIES. BUILDERS AND ENGINEERS NOT NAMED. SINCE LATE 1973 PROJECT HAS LANGUISHED, LARGELY DUE TO BAHRAINI RETICENCE COMMIT MONEY AND GAS TO PROJECT WITHOUT FURTHER STUDY. THUS THERE IS NO PROJEN3$:9.0)3589, $-53. PROJECT, IF IT EVER GOES AHEAD, WILL BE IN THREE STAGES, FIRST STAGE TO PRODUCE 500,000 TONS PER YEAR OF AMMONIA, SECOND STAGE TO PRODUCE LIQUID UREA AND THIRD STAGE TO PRODUCE PHOSPHATE. FEEDSTOCK WOULD BE NATURAL GAS.
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4. NONE

5. NONE, OTHER THAN DESCRIBED IN (3) ABOVE.

6. PRIMARY CONSTRAINT APPEARS BE AVAILABILITY OF NATURAL GAS. BAHRAIN HAS RESERVES OF UNASSOCIATED GAS. HOWEVER, EXACT SIZE OF RESERVES NOT DETERMINED AND ESTIMATES VARY. IN ADDITION, INITIAL COST OF 28 MILLION DOLLARS APPEARS BE ACTING AS A RESTRAINT WHILE GOB SORTING OUT ITS PRIORITIES.

7. NOT APPLICABLE.
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